

Bureau of Health Systems Development

ARIZONA RURAL PRIVATE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Purpose:

To provide an incentive for primary care providers and dentists to provide ambulatory primary care services in a **rural private practice** located in an **Arizona Medically Underserved Area (AzMUA)**. Program funds are used to repay qualifying educational loans in return for primary care service provision.

Provider Eligibility:

- ✓ Arizona Licensed and/or board certified
 - Physicians (allopathic or osteopathic)
 - Dentists
 - Physician assistants
 - Nurse practitioners
 - Nurse mid-wives
- ✓ Primary care physicians in the following disciplines: Family or General Practice, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, or Internal Medicine
- ✓ US Citizen
- ✓ Have a valid offer of full time employment at an eligible service site
- ✓ Provide primary care services in rural private practice
- ✓ Have no unfulfilled obligations

Service Site Eligibility:

- ✓ Accept AHCCCS/Medicaid, SCHIP/KidsCare, and Medicare
- ✓ Have a Sliding Fee Schedule in place
- ✓ Rural, private practice located in a designated Arizona Medically Underserved Areas (AzMUA)

Award Amounts:

****Subject to the availability of funding**

	Physicians/Dentists	PAs, NPs, CNMs
1st year	\$16,000 to \$20,000	\$5,000 to \$7,500
2nd year	\$16,000 to \$20,000	\$5,000 to \$7,500
3rd year	\$18,000 to \$22,000	\$6,500 to \$9,000
4th year	\$20,000 to \$25,000	\$8,000 to \$10,500

Highlights:

- In CY 2009, 7,880 primary care visits were provided by Rural Loan Repayment Providers.
- By end of CY 2010, about 14,750 primary care visits are estimated to be delivered by the Rural Loan Repayment Providers.

For application materials, please visit

http://www.azdhs.gov/hsd/az_rural_private_loan_repayment.htm.

